are not applicable to Hindi personnel of subordinate offices, which are not included in the Central Secretariat Official Language Service.

(b) The Fourth and Fifth Pay Commissions have not made,any specific recommendation relating to pay scales of employees working on the same posts and doing the same work.

(c) The Central Secretariat Official Language Service and the sanctioned posts in the subordinate offices are of different nature and thus they have different types of pay scales. Therefore, there is no anomaly in their pay scales.

Unclaimed amount of EPF deposits

†959. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of LABOUR **AND** EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some deposits in Employee's Provident Fund Organisation do not have any claimant;

(b) if so, the amount of such deposits;

(c) the rules in regard to usage of this amount; and

(d) whether such unclaimed amount has been used elsewhere earlier, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRASEKHAR SAHU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The total amount of inoperative account lying in Unclaimed Deposit Account as defined under para 72(6) of the Employee's Provident Fund Scheme, 1952 was Rs. 877.76 crore as on 31.3.2005.

(c) The amount lying in the Unclaimed Deposit Account cannot be used for any purpose other than for payment to be made to the rightful claimant/ legal heir/nominee.

(d) No, Sir.

National Skills Mission

960. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Skills Mission is being proposed to be constituted;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details of its mandate;

(c) the details of the scheme envisaged for public-private partnership in skills development and its likely impact on the quantity and quality of skilled manpower in the country;

(d) whether any specific focus is assigned to meet the rural unemployment through skill development of the unorganized and traditional workforce;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) by when the proposed commission would come into effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Ministry of Labour & Employment has proposed setting up of a National Mission on Skills.

(b) It is. at conceptual stage only.

(c) to (e) In order to improve public-private partnership, Institute Managing Committees in more than 500 ITI's have been set up where Industry is associated to improve the quality of skilled manpower in the country and their acceptance in the world of work.

States have been advised to conduct short term employable courses in ITI's to improve the productivity of the workforce in the unorganized sector including rural sector.

Unclaimed PF amount of deceased workers

961. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of unclaimed Provident Fund account of workers who have expired during service as on 31st March, 2006, State-wise;

(b) what action is proposed to pay this amount to members of the families or to their kith and-kin;

(c) who is the custodian of this amount and how the unclaimed amount is utilised by the Central Government; and

(d) whether there is any move in the Ministry to computerise the complete details of all the workers in the organized sector, to avoid increase in the unclaimed amount?